

Hammel Elementary School for working tirelessly on the Quilts of Caring (“tapiz de carino”). These handmade quilts, which they painstakingly pieced together, symbolize their commitment to remembering America’s fallen heroes of Sept. 11, 2001. This project became a reality during the past six months because of the hardworking efforts of the entire community of Hammel Elementary—students, parents, teachers and neighborhood friends who all joined together to create nine beautiful quilts.

Hammel Elementary School’s administrator, psychiatric social worker, school psychologist and parents united their volunteer efforts to assist the students in creating the nine quilts that have been sent to my district and Washington offices, the Pentagon, New York Police Department, the Fire Department of New York, East Los Angeles Sheriff’s Station, Los Angeles County Fire Department and the White House. It gives me great pride to present such a fine multi-cultural message of love, faith, unity and support that is depicted in each quilt.

It is evident that the children from Hammel Elementary share a common vision for a healthier and more peaceful future, and I am proud that they have not surrendered to hateful messages of violence or vengeance.

I commend the students and surrounding community members of Hammel Elementary and thank them for portraying such wonderful act of kindness and patriotism that serve as a positive reflection of humanity for the entire nation.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER ANDRE FLETCHER—RESCUE TEAM NO. 5

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter Andre Fletcher of Rescue Team Number 5, a member of the Vulcan’s Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and,

Whereas, More than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, Members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and,

Whereas, More than 300 New York City Firefighters lost their lives in the effort to save others, and

Whereas, Congressman Major R. Owens and the people of the 11th Congressional District salute the bravery and dedication of all who gave their full measure of devotion, and;

Whereas, We deem it appropriate to highlight the courage and valor of individuals and groups in variety of forms and ceremonies. Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That on this 10th Day of March, Two Thousand and Two, Congressman Major R. Owens, and representative, of the people

of the 11th Congressional District, pause to salute the sacrifices of these honored men, and to offer their heartfelt condolences to families of these African American Firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

That the text of this resolution shall be placed in the Congressional Record of the United States House of Representatives.

Given by my hand and seal this 10th day of March, Two Thousand and Two in the Year of our Lord.

GARY BOGNER: INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF BOW HUNTING

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow bow hunter, Gary Bogner, as he prepares for his new role as President of Safari Club International and the Safari Club International Foundation. Gary and I share a love of big game hunting and I have enormous respect and admiration for him as a hunter and as a leader in wildlife conservation.

A native of Muskegon, Michigan, Gary traces his passion for the outdoors to his youth when he first began hunting small game and whitetail deer. The son of a Michigan Conservation Officer, Gary quickly developed a zeal for wildlife conservation and hunting, especially bow hunting. By age 17, he owned an archery shop and was producing arrows for local archers. Today, after more than 45 years devoted to archery and bow hunting, Gary is known as the “International Ambassador of Bow Hunting.”

An avid sportsman, Gary’s hunting skills and achievements are legendary throughout the world. He has hunted five continents and has harvested over 60 different big game species with his bow. He was the first bow hunter to hunt the former Soviet Union and take a Russian Kamchalka brown bear, Russian Saiga antelope, Chukotka moose, Sika stag and a Marco Polo Argali sheep. He holds an astounding number of hunting records. Gary has taken over 25 African species of big game animals and his white rhino currently ranks as the top one ever taken with a bow. In North America, he has more than 29 big game species to his credit, including his Safari Club International top-ranked polar bear. Gary is only the fifth bow-hunter to successfully complete the North American Super Slam, harvesting all 28 North American big game animals with a bow and arrow. He also is currently the only bow hunter to have taken a Marco Polo sheep with a bow and arrow.

In 1995, Gary earned the Safari Club International World Bow Hunters Hall-of-Honor Award for exhibiting the highest degree of integrity, success in the field and lifetime contribution to the past and future growth of bow hunting and archery. He deeply believes, as do I, that wildlife is a renewable resource and that hunting plays an important role in its management. Gary credits his wife, Nanette; sons, Gary Jr. and Chris; and, daughter, Kimberly, with allowing him to pursue and achieve his dreams

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Gary Bogner for his many con-

tributions. I am confident he will continue to shoot straight and true on behalf of hunters, archers and wildlife conservationists throughout the world.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING, SALUTING AND COMMENDING FIREFIGHTER KEITH GLASCOE—LADDER NO. 21

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, as a tribute to Firefighter Keith Glascoe of Ladder Number 21, a member of the Vulcan’s Society and one of the fallen heroes of September 11th, I would like to insert the following proclamation into the RECORD:

Whereas, September 11, 2001 was a day of horror and tragedy that will forever live in the memory of Americans, and;

Whereas, more than 3,000 people from many occupations, nationalities, ethnic groups, religions and creeds were brutally murdered by terrorists, and;

Whereas, members of the New York City Fire Department, New York City Police Department, Port Authority and other Public Safety Personnel, through their valiant, courageous and heroic efforts saved the lives of thousands under unprecedented destructive circumstances, and;

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IN HONOR OF OUR GOOD FRIEND, JAMES P. ROWAN, SR.

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, colleagues, and friends, it is with deep sorrow that I address our distinguished body today to announce the passing of a committed Bostonian, a devout patriot, and our good friend, Jim Rowan, at age 79.

For 33 years, Jim Rowan served as a senior political aide to our former Speaker, Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, Jr.